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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY CHILD CARE COORDINATORS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE TO WORK COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: CHILD CARE MONTHLY REPORT – CalWORKs FAMILIES
[CW 115 (1/03)], AND CHILD CARE MONTHLY REPORT – TWO-
PARENT SEPARATE STATE PROGRAM [CW 115A (1/03)]

REFERENCE: ACL 02-66, DATED SEPTEMBER 3, 2002, AID CODES FOR
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 60-MONTH TIME LIMIT AND SAFETY
NET PROGRAM IN THE CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND
RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS (CalWORKs) PROGRAM

ACL 99-61, DATED SEPTEMBER 2, 1999, CHILD CARE MONTHLY
REPORT – TWO-PARENT SEPARATE STATE PROGRAM (CW
115A), AND CHILD CARE MONTHLY REPORT – CalWORKs
FAMILIES (CW 115)

ACL 99-54, DATED AUGUST 12, 1999, SEPARATE STATE
PROGRAM FOR TWO-PARENT FAMILIES

Effective January 1, 2003, some CalWORKs adult recipients will reach their CalWORKs 60-month time limit and be discontinued from aid while aid continues to the eligible children under the Safety Net program. As a result, reporting requirements in the Child Care program will change. The purpose of this letter is to transmit the revised Child Care Monthly Reports for CalWORKs Families, CW 115 (1/03) and Two-Parent Separate State Program, CW 115A (1/03) forms and instructions.

These reports have been revised to collect the information necessary to track CalWORKs cases in which Stage 1 Child Care is paid in Safety Net cases. For more information on Safety Net cases, please refer to All County Letter 02-66, dated September 3, 2002.

ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

Page Two

Below is a summary of the changes.

- Added a new column (D) entitled "CalWORKs Safety Net."
- Modified the format of the report to two parts and moved the "Total" Column to (E) on the right side of the other data columns.
- Added new data elements to identify children waiting to transfer from Stage 1 and returning from Stage 2 Child Care.
- Renumbered and reworded many of the existing items.
- Added definitions and instructions for the new data elements.

Enclosed are copies of the forms and instructions which are also available on the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Research and Development Division (RADD) web site located at: <http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/research/>. These reports continue to be due on the 20th calendar day after the report month. Therefore, the first revised reports are for the January 2003 report month and are due on or before February 20, 2003. Fax or mail reports to:

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If you have questions regarding completion of this form, please contact Katie Girimonte of the Data Systems and Survey Design Bureau at (916) 651-8269. Program related questions should be directed to your Child Care Program analyst at (916) 657-2144.

Sincerely,

***Original Document Signed By
Lois VanBeers on 10/7/02***

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Enclosures

**Child Care Monthly Report
- CalWORKs Families**

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COMMENTS List APP contact(s), phone number(s) and specify their responsibility of item(s)/program categories here (if applicable).						
CONTACT PERSON (Print)					DATE COMPLETED	
TITLE/CLASSIFICATION			TELEPHONE ()		FAX ()	

CHILD CARE MONTHLY REPORT – CalWORKs FAMILIES CW 115 (1/03)

INSTRUCTIONS

CONTENT

The monthly CW 115 report contains statistical information on CalWORKs families and children receiving Stage 1 child care who are not in the Two-Parent Separate State Program during the report month. This report includes data on the number of all other families and their children that received Stage 1 child care; transferred to Stage 2 and 3 or are waiting to transfer to Stage 2 only; and the reasons Stage 1 child care was not available during the month.

Each County Welfare Department (CWD) administers Stage 1 of the child care program. The Alternative Payment Program (APP) administers Stages 2 and 3 under contract with the California Department of Education.

PURPOSE

The CW 115 meets the child care data reporting requirements of the Welfare Institution Code (WIC) Section 11323.9. This report also provides county, state and federal entities with information needed for budgeting, staffing, program planning, and other purposes.

DUE DATE AND CONTACT

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Enter in the boxes provided near the top of the form the county name, report month, and year.

Enter the data required for each item. If there is nothing to report for an item, enter "0". **Do not leave any items blank.**

Enter in the boxes at the end of the form the name, job title or classification, telephone and fax number of the person to contact if there are questions about the report. This person may or may not be the person who completed the report. Enter the date the report was completed.

If a county has contracted Stage 1 child care with an APP, it is the county's responsibility to ensure that the APP supplies data where appropriate and that the APP's name, contact person, phone number, and their responsibility for report items are listed in the Comments section of the report.

DEFINITIONS

CalWORKs Families: CalWORKs families are all other families (aid codes 30, 3E, 3L or 3P), zero parent families (aid codes 33, 3G, 3H, and 3R), TANF Timed-Out Families (aid codes 32 and 3W) and CalWORKs Safety Net Cases (aid code 3A). Refer to ACL 99-54, dated August 12, 1999 for more information on aid code definitions and ACL 01-66, dated September 18, 2001 and ACL 02-66, dated September 3, 2002 for aid code descriptions.

NOTE: Aid codes for two-parent families (35, 3M, 3U or 3C) are not used on the CW 115.

Welfare-to-Work Program: This program is mandated by the WIC 11320, et. al. Participation in this program allows recipients of aid to receive child care assistance. (MPP 42-700)

Cal-Learn Program: This program serves pregnant or custodial teen parents under the age of 19 who have not obtained a high school diploma and are receiving aid. Cal-Learn provides supportive services to assist teen parents to stay in or return to school in order to graduate. Cal-Learn eligibility is extended to 19 year olds who volunteer for Cal-Learn, are in Cal-Learn prior to turning 19, and who have not graduated from high school.

NOTE: Do not include other (non-Cal-Learn) children in this column who are living in the household and are receiving Stage 1 child care. (MPP 42-763)

No Longer On Aid: Former CalWORKs recipient families (Item 1) and children (Items 2 – 9) who did not receive cash aid in the report month, but Stage 1 child care payments were made for child care services. Children who move back to Stage 1 (Item 10) can be from former CalWORKs recipient families. See Item 10 in the instructions for more information. [MPP 47-110(f)(2)]

NOTE: Data for this category does not include families who have reached their CalWORKs 60-month time limit.

CalWORKs Safety Net Cases: Families in which all adults have been discontinued from cash aid and removed from the assistance unit as a result of reaching the CalWORKs 60-month time limit and the children are still receiving cash aid. These cases for CalWORKs families are coded 3A. (MPP 42-302)

License Exempt Provider: A provider that is not required to be licensed. [MPP 47-110(e)(2)]

Licensed Provider: A provider that is legally licensed by a state agency, local public agency, or through the state's designated licensing agent. [MPP 47-110(l)(1)]

Stage 1 Child Care: Stage 1 begins upon the entry of a person into the CalWORKs program. A family may receive a child care subsidy for any legal child care chosen by the client. (MPP 47-101.6)

Stage 2 Child Care: Stage 2 may begin when child care is available through a local Stage 2 program and the county determines stability or when a recipient is transitioning off of aid. (MPP 47-101.7)

Stage 3 Child Care: Stage 3 begins when a funded space is available for a CalWORKs child care client, a Diversion client, or an employed former CalWORKs client who has exhausted their 24 months of eligibility. (MPP 47-101.8)

Submitted for Transfer: Stage 1 children eligible for transfer to Stage 2 (Item 7) or Stage 3 (Item 8) for whom the appropriate paperwork for the transfer was completed and submitted.

Family: For purposes of the CW 115, this is the same as the AU. For example, if two unmarried adults with a child in common are living together, they would be counted as an AU. However, two unmarried adults living together with separate children would be counted as two AUs. A single parent and that parent's children would be only one AU. [MPP 47-110(a)(2) and 80-301(a)(9)]

Diversion Families: These families are eligible for Stage 3 child care. If Stage 3 child care services are not available, then they are eligible for Stage 2 child care. (MPP 47-220.34)

Unduplicated Count: For purposes of reporting on the CW 115, this represents a single count of the number of families and/or child members regardless of the number of payments made in the report month. For example, if late payments are made from a previous time period for the same family and child, and timely payments are also made in the same month, the count for that family and child are only considered one single count in each item of the monthly report.

NOTE: The exception to this definition is how expenditures are reported. See Item 5 below.

ITEM INSTRUCTIONS**Part A. Stage 1 Child Care Payments Made**

Enter the unduplicated number of families (all other and zero parents) and their children for whom Stage 1 child care payments were made who are participating in one of the following categories in the report month.

Column (A) Welfare-to-Work: MPP 42-700 and WIC 11320. et. al.

Column (B) Cal-Learn: MPP 42-763.

Column (C) No Longer on Aid: MPP 47-110(f)(2).

Column (D) CalWORKs Safety Net: MPP 42-302 and ACL 02-66, dated September 3, 2002.

Column (E) Total: Enter the sum of columns (A), (B), (C), and (D) for Items 1 through 10.

NOTE: If multiple payments were made for a family and child(ren) in the same report month then count these same family and child(ren) as a single count. For more detail, refer to the Unduplicated Count definition.

1. Stage 1 families with child care payments made during the month: Enter the unduplicated number of families for whom child care payments were actually made in the report month, regardless of the month in which the child care was provided. Include families whose children are waiting to transfer into Stage 2, families whose children have transferred back from Stage 2, and families whose children are remaining in Stage 1. *[Cells 1 – 5]*

NOTE: The counts in Items 6, 9 and 10 are the included children in Item 2, which are the same children of the families in Item 1. The number of families reported in Item 1 should be equal to or less than the number of children reported in Item 2.

2. Stage 1 children with child care payments made during the month: Enter the unduplicated number of children for whom child care payments were actually made in the report month, regardless of the month in which the child care was provided. Include children who are waiting to transfer into Stage 2, children transferring back from Stage 2, and children who are remaining in Stage 1. *[Cells 6 – 10]*

NOTE: Items 6, 9 and 10 are subsets of Item 2. The number of children reported in Item 2 should be equal to or greater than the number of families reported in Item 1. However, Item 2 is not the sum of Items 3 and 4 (Cells 11 – 20).

3. Stage 1 children in license exempt child care during the month: Enter the unduplicated number of children for whom Stage 1 child care payments were made in the report month to License Exempt providers. *[Cells 11 – 15]*
4. Stage 1 children in licensed child care during the month: Enter the unduplicated number of children for whom Stage 1 child care payments were made in the report month to Licensed providers. *[Cells 16 – 20]*

NOTE: Counts in Items 3 and 4 can have the same child counted in each item. For example, if payments were made for a child who received child care with a Licensed Exempt provider and with one or more Licensed providers in the same month, then the child would be counted only once in each of the Items 2, 3 and 4 (Cells 6 – 20).

5. Stage 1 child care expenditures paid during the month (Item 5a plus Item 5b): Enter the total net expenditures actually paid for children receiving CalWORKs Stage 1 child care, regardless of when the child care services were provided. *[Cells 21 – 25]*

NOTE: Includes Stage 1 child care multiple back payments made in the same report month. (Exclude administrative costs and report whole numbers only. For values of \$.50 and above, round up to the next whole number.)

(ITEM INSTRUCTIONS CONTINUED)

- a. License Exempt: Enter the expenditures actually paid in the report month for Stage 1 child care services provided by License Exempt providers. [Cells 26 – 30]
 - b. Licensed: Enter the expenditures actually paid in the report month for Stage 1 child care services provided by Licensed providers. [Cells 31 – 35]
6. Stage 1 children who will remain in Stage 1 child care due to program barriers: Enter the unduplicated number of eligible Stage 1 children for whom child care payments were made who will not transfer to Stage 2 and will remain in Stage 1 child care due to program barriers during the month (e.g. in-home license exempt providers, issues, and concerns). [Cells 36 – 40]

NOTE: Item 6 is a subset of Item 2 and the families of these children are also reported in Item 1.

7. Stage 1 children submitted for transfer to Stage 2 during the month: Enter the unduplicated number of Stage 1 children who were eligible and submitted for transfer to Stage 2 during the report month. Include children that were paid in Stage 1 child care on the last day of the previous month and submitted for transfer to Stage 2 on the first day of the report month. [Cells 41 – 45]

NOTE: Data from Item 7 is not included in Items 9, 9a or 9b.

8. Stage 1 children submitted for transfer to Stage 3 during the month: Enter the unduplicated number of Stage 1 children who were eligible and submitted for transfer to Stage 3 during the report month. Include children that were paid in Stage 1 child care on the last day of the previous month and submitted for transfer to Stage 3 on the first day of the report month. [Cells 46 – 50]

NOTE: Data from Item 8 is related to Stage 3 only and should not be reported in any of the other items in the same report month.

9. Stage 1 children waiting to transfer to Stage 2 during the month (Item 9a plus Item 9b): Enter the unduplicated number of eligible Stage 1 children for whom child care payments were made and who were eligible to transfer into Stage 2, but are still waiting to transfer at the end of the report month. *Do not report children whose parent(s) received a lump-sum diversion payment for child care* (MPP 47-220.34). The reported information is used to measure the unmet need for Stage 2 child care services. [Cells 51 – 55]

NOTE: The number of Stage 1 children reported in the total of Item 9 should be equal to or less than the number of children reported in Item 2. Item 9 is a subset of Item 2 and is also the sum of Item 9a and 9b. The families of these children are also reported in Item 1.

For Items 9a and 9b, enter the number of unduplicated children in the appropriate primary reason Stage 2 services were not available.

- a. Stage 1 children waiting to transfer to Stage 2, who are waiting due to Stage 2 funding issues: Enter the unduplicated number of eligible Stage 1 children for whom child care payments were made who cannot yet transfer to Stage 2 due to Stage 2 funding issues. [Cells 56 – 60]
 - b. Stage 1 children waiting to transfer to Stage 2, who are eligible and waiting due to agency(s) staffing issues: Enter the unduplicated number of Stage 1 children, eligible and waiting, for whom child care payments were made who cannot yet transfer to Stage 2 due to agency staffing issues. Agency staffing issues could either be CWD or APP issues. [Cells 61 – 65]
10. Stage 2 children moved back to Stage 1: Enter the unduplicated number of Stage 2 children who, in the report month, returned to Stage 1. These children must have received Stage 2 payments in the previous month. [Cells 66 – 70]

NOTE: The data from Item 10 should stand alone and is not necessarily a subset of any other data elements within the same report.

(ITEM INSTRUCTIONS CONTINUED)**Part B. Stage 1 Child Care Services Not Available**

There were no child care payments made (Part A) for these children because child care services were not available. This data should not be reported in Part A.

NOTE: The data in this section is a subset of Part C, Item 32 (Cell 38), “Good cause for not participating in WTW,” on the WTW 25 (1/03), CalWORKs Welfare-to-Work Monthly Activity Report – All (Other) Families.

11. Children ages 0 – 10 years whose parents were granted good cause for not participating in welfare-to-work activities due to the unavailability of Stage 1 child care during the month: This must be an unduplicated count of children ages 0 - 10 years who did not receive child care services for the report month. **Do not include children ages 11 and 12 in this total.** [Cell 71]

NOTE: Cell 71 equals Cell 72.

12. Primary reason Stage 1 child care was not received during the month (Item 12a through 12e): In the appropriate age column, enter the unduplicated number of children by the primary reason that Stage 1 child care was not received in the report month. [Cells 72 – 73]

NOTE: For children ages 0 – 10 years old, Cell 72 equals the sum of Cells 74, 76, 77, 79, 81 and 83. For children ages 11 – 12 years old, Cell 73 equals the sum of Cells 75, 78, 80, 82 and 84.

- a. No funding available: Enter the number of children for whom child care was not available due to a lack of child care funding. [Cells 74 - 75]
- b. No provider available:
 - 1) For children under 2 years of age: Enter the number of children under 2 years of age for whom no child care providers were available. [Cell 76]
 - 2) For children ages 2 - 10: Enter the number of children from ages 2 up to and including age 10 for whom no child care providers were available. [Cell 77]
 - 3) For children ages 11 - 12: Enter the number of children ages 11 and 12 for whom no child care providers were available. [Cell 78]
- c. Child care not available during nontraditional hours: Enter the number of children for whom there were no child care providers offering care during nontraditional hours. [Cells 79 - 80]
- d. Transportation to and from child care not available: Enter the number of children who did not receive child care because neither public nor private transportation was available to transport the child between his or her home and the provider. [Cells 81 - 82]
- e. Other (e.g. Special needs; sick care not available, etc.): Enter the number of children for whom Stage 1 child care was not available due to circumstances not noted in Items 12a through 12d above. For example, no provider available to provide child care services to children with special needs, or an ill child. [Cells 83 - 84]

NOTE: For each child in Item 12e, specify the reason child care was not received and include the child's age group (0-10 or 11-12) in the 12e Other Category Reason(s) section.

COMMENTS

Those counties who have contracts with APPs are requested to add the APP contacts and phone numbers in this section and specify the items and specific programs (columns provided) for which these agencies are responsible. This information is only requested so that Data Systems and Survey Design Bureau can contact the appropriate party or individual for further information, if necessary, on the data reported.

Also use the Comments section to:

- Explain any major fluctuations in data.
- Explain any adjustment entries.
- Provide information as directed in the report instructions.
- Provide any other comments the county determines necessary.

Child Care Monthly Report - Two-Parent Separate State Program

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CHILD CARE MONTHLY REPORT – TWO-PARENT SEPARATE STATE PROGRAM CW 115A (1/03)

INSTRUCTIONS

CONTENT

The monthly CW 115A report contains statistical information on CalWORKs families and children receiving Stage 1 child care who are only in the Two-Parent Separate State Program during the report month. This report includes data on the number of all other families and their children that received Stage 1 child care; transferred to Stage 2 and 3 or are waiting to transfer to Stage 2 only; and the reasons Stage 1 child care was not available during the month.

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DEFINITIONS

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No Longer On Aid: Former CalWORKs recipient families (Item 1) and children (Items 2 – 9) who did not receive cash aid in the report month, but Stage 1 child care payments were made for child care services. Children who move back to Stage 1 (Item 10) can be from former CalWORKs recipient families. See Item 10 in the instructions for more information. [MPP 47-110(f)(2)]

NOTE: Data for this category does not include families who have reached their CalWORKs 60-month time limit.

CalWORKs Safety Net Cases: Families in which all adults have been discontinued from cash aid and removed from the assistance unit as a result of reaching the CalWORKs 60-month time limit and the children are still receiving cash aid. These cases for two-parent families are coded 3C. (MPP 42-302)

License Exempt Provider: A provider that is not required to be licensed. [MPP 47-110(e)(2)]

Licensed Provider: A provider that is legally licensed by a state agency, local public agency, or through the state's designated licensing agent. [MPP 47-110(l)(1)]

Stage 1 Child Care: Stage 1 begins upon the entry of a person into the CalWORKs program. A family may receive a child care subsidy for any legal child care chosen by the client. (MPP 47-101.6)

Stage 2 Child Care: Stage 2 may begin when child care is available through a local Stage 2 program and the county determines stability or when a recipient is transitioning off of aid. (MPP 47-101.7)

Stage 3 Child Care: Stage 3 begins when a funded space is available for a CalWORKs child care client, a Diversion client, or an employed former CalWORKs client who has exhausted their 24 months of eligibility. (MPP 47-101.8)

Submitted for Transfer: Stage 1 children eligible for transfer to Stage 2 (Item 7) or Stage 3 (Item 8) for whom the appropriate paperwork for the transfer was completed and submitted.

Family: For purposes of the CW 115A, this is the same as the AU. For example, if two unmarried adults with a child in common are living together, they would be counted as an AU. However, two unmarried adults living together with separate children would be counted as two AUs. A single parent and that parent's children would be only one AU. [MPP 47-110(a)(2) and 80-301(a)(9)]

Diversion Families: These families are eligible for Stage 3 child care. If Stage 3 child care services are not available, then they are eligible for Stage 2 child care. (MPP 47-220.34)

Unduplicated Count: For purposes of reporting on the CW 115A, this represents a single count of the number of families and/or child members regardless of the number of payments made in the report month. For example, if late payments are made from a previous time period for the same family and child, and timely payments are also made in the same month, the count for that family and child are only considered one single count in each item of the monthly report.

NOTE: The exception to this definition is how expenditures are reported. See Item 5 below.

ITEM INSTRUCTIONS**Part A. Stage 1 Child Care Payments Made**

Enter the unduplicated number of two-parent families and their children for whom Stage 1 child care payments were made who are participating in one of the following categories in the report month.

Column (A) Welfare-to-Work: MPP 42-700 and WIC 11320. et. al.

Column (B) Cal-Learn: MPP 42-763.

Column (C) No Longer on Aid: MPP 47-110(f)(2).

Column (D) CalWORKs Safety Net: MPP 42-302 and ACL 02-66, dated September 3, 2002.

Column (E) Total: Enter the sum of columns (A), (B), (C), and (D) for Items 1 through 10.

NOTE: If multiple payments were made for a family and child(ren) in the same report month then count these same family and child(ren) as a single count. For more detail, refer to the Unduplicated Count definition.

1. Stage 1 families with child care payments made during the month: Enter the unduplicated number of families for whom child care payments were actually made in the report month, regardless of the month in which the child care was provided. Include families whose children are waiting to transfer into Stage 2, families whose children have transferred back from Stage 2, and families whose children are remaining in Stage 1. *[Cells 1 – 5]*

NOTE: The counts in Items 6, 9 and 10 are the included children in Item 2, which are the same children of the families in Item 1. The number of families reported in Item 1 should be equal to or less than the number of children reported in Item 2.

2. Stage 1 children with child care payments made during the month: Enter the unduplicated number of children for whom child care payments were actually made in the report month, regardless of the month in which the child care was provided. Include children who are waiting to transfer into Stage 2, children transferring back from Stage 2, and children who are remaining in Stage 1. *[Cells 6 – 10]*

NOTE: Items 6, 9 and 10 are subsets of Item 2. The number of children reported in Item 2 should be equal to or greater than the number of families reported in Item 1. However, Item 2 is not the sum of Items 3 and 4 (Cells 11 – 20).

3. Stage 1 children in license exempt child care during the month: Enter the unduplicated number of children for whom Stage 1 child care payments were made in the report month to License Exempt providers. *[Cells 11 – 15]*
4. Stage 1 children in licensed child care during the month: Enter the unduplicated number of children for whom Stage 1 child care payments were made in the report month to Licensed providers. *[Cells 16 – 20]*

NOTE: Counts in Items 3 and 4 can have the same child counted in each item. For example, if payments were made for a child who received child care with a Licensed Exempt provider and with one or more Licensed providers in the same month, then the child would be counted only once in each of the Items 2, 3 and 4 (Cells 6 – 20).

5. Stage 1 child care expenditures paid during the month (Item 5a plus Item 5b): Enter the total net expenditures actually paid for children receiving CalWORKs Stage 1 child care, regardless of when the child care services were provided. *[Cells 21 – 25]*

NOTE: Includes Stage 1 child care multiple back payments made in the same report month. (Exclude administrative costs and report whole numbers only. For values of \$.50 and above, round up to the next whole number.)

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- a. License Exempt: Enter the expenditures actually paid in the report month for Stage 1 child care services provided by License Exempt providers. [Cells 26 – 30]
 - b. Licensed: Enter the expenditures actually paid in the report month for Stage 1 child care services provided by Licensed providers. [Cells 31 – 35]
6. Stage 1 children who will remain in Stage 1 child care due to program barriers: Enter the unduplicated number of eligible Stage 1 children for whom child care payments were made who will not transfer to Stage 2 and will remain in Stage 1 child care due to program barriers during the month (e.g. in-home license exempt providers, issues, and concerns). [Cells 36 – 40]

NOTE: Item 6 is a subset of Item 2 and the families of these children are also reported in Item 1.

7. Stage 1 children submitted for transfer to Stage 2 during the month: Enter the unduplicated number of Stage 1 children who were eligible and submitted for transfer to Stage 2 during the report month. Include children that were paid in Stage 1 child care on the last day of the previous month and submitted for transfer to Stage 2 on the first day of the report month. [Cells 41 – 45]

NOTE: Data from Item 7 is not included in Items 9, 9a or 9b.

8. Stage 1 children submitted for transfer to Stage 3 during the month: Enter the unduplicated number of Stage 1 children who were eligible and submitted for transfer to Stage 3 during the report month. Include children that were paid in Stage 1 child care on the last day of the previous month and submitted for transfer to Stage 3 on the first day of the report month. [Cells 46 – 50]

NOTE: Data from Item 8 is related to Stage 3 only and should not be reported in any of the other items in the same report month.

9. Stage 1 children waiting to transfer to Stage 2 during the month (Item 9a plus Item 9b): Enter the unduplicated number of eligible Stage 1 children for whom child care payments were made and who were eligible to transfer into Stage 2, but are still waiting to transfer at the end of the report month. *Do not report children whose parent(s) received a lump-sum diversion payment for child care* (MPP 47-220.34). The reported information is used to measure the unmet need for Stage 2 child care services. [Cells 51 – 55]

NOTE: The number of Stage 1 children reported in the total of Item 9 should be equal to or less than the number of children reported in Item 2. Item 9 is a subset of Item 2 and is also the sum of Item 9a and 9b. The families of these children are also reported in Item 1.

For Items 9a and 9b, enter the number of unduplicated children in the appropriate primary reason Stage 2 services were not available.

- a. Stage 1 children waiting to transfer to Stage 2, who are waiting due to Stage 2 funding issues: Enter the unduplicated number of eligible Stage 1 children for whom child care payments were made who cannot yet transfer to Stage 2 due to Stage 2 funding issues. [Cells 56 – 60]
 - b. Stage 1 children waiting to transfer to Stage 2, who are eligible and waiting due to agency(s) staffing issues: Enter the unduplicated number of Stage 1 children, eligible and waiting, for whom child care payments were made who cannot yet transfer to Stage 2 due to agency staffing issues. Agency staffing issues could either be CWD or APP issues. [Cells 61 – 65]
10. Stage 2 children moved back to Stage 1: Enter the unduplicated number of Stage 2 children who, in the report month, returned to Stage 1. These children must have received Stage 2 payments in the previous month. [Cells 66 – 70]

NOTE: The data from Item 10 should stand alone and is not necessarily a subset of any other data elements within the same report.

(ITEM INSTRUCTIONS CONTINUED)**Part B. Stage 1 Child Care Services Not Available**

There were no child care payments made (Part A) for these children because child care services were not available. This data should not be reported in Part A.

NOTE: The data in this section is a subset of Part C, Item 32 (Cell 38), “Good cause for not participating in WTW,” on the WTW 25A (1/03), CalWORKs Welfare-to-Work Monthly Activity Report – Two-Parent Families.

11. Children ages 0 – 10 years whose parents were granted good cause for not participating in welfare-to-work activities due to the unavailability of Stage 1 child care during the month: This must be an unduplicated count of children ages 0 - 10 years who did not receive child care services for the report month. **Do not include children ages 11 and 12 in this total.** [Cell 71]

NOTE: Cell 71 equals Cell 72.

12. Primary reason Stage 1 child care was not received during the month (Item 12a through 12e): In the appropriate age column, enter the unduplicated number of children by the primary reason that Stage 1 child care was not received in the report month. [Cells 72 – 73]

NOTE: For children ages 0 – 10 years old, Cell 72 equals the sum of Cells 74, 76, 77, 79, 81 and 83. For children ages 11 – 12 years old, Cell 73 equals the sum of Cells 75, 78, 80, 82 and 84.

- a. No funding available: Enter the number of children for whom child care was not available due to a lack of child care funding. [Cells 74 - 75]
- b. No provider available:
 - 1) For children under 2 years of age: Enter the number of children under 2 years of age for whom no child care providers were available. [Cell 76]
 - 2) For children ages 2 - 10: Enter the number of children from ages 2 up to and including age 10 for whom no child care providers were available. [Cell 77]
 - 3) For children ages 11 - 12: Enter the number of children ages 11 and 12 for whom no child care providers were available. [Cell 78]
- c. Child care not available during nontraditional hours: Enter the number of children for whom there were no child care providers offering care during nontraditional hours. [Cells 79 - 80]
- d. Transportation to and from child care not available: Enter the number of children who did not receive child care because neither public nor private transportation was available to transport the child between his or her home and the provider. [Cells 81 - 82]
- e. Other (e.g. Special needs; sick care not available, etc.): Enter the number of children for whom Stage 1 child care was not available due to circumstances not noted in Items 12a through 12d above. For example, no provider available to provide child care services to children with special needs, or an ill child. [Cells 83 - 84]

NOTE: For each child in Item 12e, specify the reason child care was not received and include the child's age group (0-10 or 11-12) in the 12e Other Category Reason(s) section.

COMMENTS

Those counties who have contracts with APPs are requested to add the APP contacts and phone numbers in this section and specify the items and specific programs (columns provided) for which these agencies are responsible. This information is only requested so that Data Systems and Survey Design Bureau can contact the appropriate party or individual for further information, if necessary, on the data reported.

Also use the Comments section to:

- Explain any major fluctuations in data.
- Explain any adjustment entries.
- Provide information as directed in the report instructions.
- Provide any other comments the county determines necessary.